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<i>Pat</i>	3,683,440	08/1972	Xenakis et al.			
<i>Pat</i>	3,715,769	02/1973	Mori, et al.			
<i>Pat</i>	3,747,147	07/1973	Weese			
<i>Pat</i>	3,808,626	05/1974	Magill			
<i>Pat</i>	3,835,651	09/1974	Butterworth, deceased, et al.			
<i>Pat</i>	3,841,258	10/1974	Odawara			
<i>Pat</i>	3,843,987	10/1974	Lodjic			
<i>Pat</i>	4,110,859	09/1978	Lichti			
<i>Pat</i>	4,161,049	07/1979	Saunders, et al.			
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<i>Pat</i>	4,490,869	01/1985	Morin			
<i>Pat</i>	4,553,720	11/1985	Harder			
<i>Pat</i>	4,559,660	12/1985	Lichti			
<i>Pat</i>	4,601,253	07/1986	Anders			
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<i>Pat</i>	4,971,510	11/1990	Houle			
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<i>Pat</i>	5,197,923	03/1993	Barber			
<i>Pat</i>	5,226,204	07/1993	Schoenberger, et al.			
<i>Pat</i>	5,299,405	04/1994	Thompson			
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<i>Pat</i>	5,791,003	08/1998	Streeter, et al.			

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<i>ThA</i>	2,700,169	01/1955	Henion	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	
<i>ThA</i>	2,875,457	03/1959	Read et al.	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	
<i>ThA</i>	3,038,185	06/1962	Moore	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	
<i>ThA</i>	3,110,048	11/1963	Bolton	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	
<i>ThA</i>	3,315,291	04/1967	Wollard et al.	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	
<i>ThA</i>	3,412,412	11/1968	Kierulf et al.	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	
<i>ThA</i>	3,538,529	11/1970	Breier	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	
<i>ThA</i>	3,581,331	06/1971	Fisher et al.	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	
<i>ThA</i>	3,606,626	09/1971	Eggert Jr.	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	
<i>ThA</i>	3,668,729	06/1972	Mori, et al.	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	

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<i>ThA</i>	2 069 925 A	03/03/1959	France	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>		
<i>ThA</i>	WO 99/50143	07/10/1999	PCT	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>		

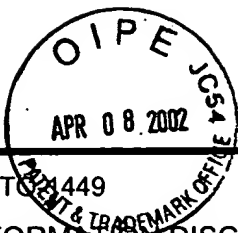
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<i>[Signature]</i>	6,195,826	03/2001	LeBaron et al.	<i>[Signature]</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>	
<i>[Signature]</i>	6,212,724	04/2001	Zhou	<i>[Signature]</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>	
<i>[Signature]</i>	6,330,726	12/2001	Hone et al.	<i>[Signature]</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>	

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